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1. Shanghai authorities are forcing foreign nationals, especially Americans, including missionaries, to announce publicly in the newspaper or on the radio their support of the Chinese Communist Government and disapproval of American participation in the Korean War.*
2. A film, "Hand of the People", propagandizing the anti-American policy of the Chinese Communists in their Korean war program was released in Shanghai. This film is one of the products of the Ch'ang Chiang (長江) Movie Studio in which Shanghai industrial and financial firms have been required to invest one billion in Jen Min P'iao, the city investing a like amount.
3. All retail food agencies controlled by the Shanghai Government started handling not only food stuffs but all daily necessities, such as fuel and clothing.**
4. The Shanghai Railway Administration asked the Ministry of Railways in Peiping for 48 tons of light Diesel oil to be used if central electric power is cut off in Shanghai.
5. A large number of civilian buses in Shanghai were commandeered by military authorities in Shanghai and sent north.
6. Twenty fishing boats, controlled by the Shanghai Marine Products Administration, while ostensibly going to fish in groups of three or four at the mouth of the Yangtze, will be patrolling the area for the military authorities of the Shanghai area. Each boat has a crew of nine to twelve men, including a radio operator; these men are armed with one rifle each.
7. Two important Shanghai residents, LIU Hung-sheng (劉鴻生) and KUO Ti-wan (郭提萬) have been asked by city authorities to form a committee with the purpose of urging Shanghai businessmen to pay taxes and purchase bond allotments as soon as possible, since payments for these are lagging.

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Nanking, Hankow, and other large cities.

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Comment. This move is interpreted in Shanghai as a measure to control rising commodity prices.

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